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TAGS: ENRG, MNUC, GW, BR

SUBJECT: Q'S AND A'S ON FRG NUCLEAR STATEMENT

1. FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR DEPARTMENT
SPOKESMAN IN EVENT QUESTIONS RAISED ON FRG NUCLEAR STATE-
MENT AND LICENSE ISSUES.

BEGIN TEXT:

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Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE FRG'S STATEMENT ON
NUCLEAR POLICY?

A. WE WELCOME THIS RE-AFFIRMATION OF THE FRG'S COMMITMENT
TO EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION
POLICIES AND PROGRAMS. WE PARTICULARLY WELCOME THE FRG'S

INTEREST IN PROMOTING NON-PROLIFERATION BY MEANS OF THE BROADEST POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATION. WE LOOK FORWARD TO GERMAN PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION PROGRAM PROPOSED BY THE PRESIDENT IN HIS STATEMENT ON US NUCLEAR POLICY.

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY THAT IT HAS ISSUED EXPORT LICENSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE NUCLEAR FACILITIES IT HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE BRAZIL?

A. NATURALLY, WE HAVE NOTED THIS ACTION BY THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT, AND I WOULD MAKE THREE POINTS. FIRST, AS TO THE LICENSES THEMSELVES: IN THE FIELD OF REPROCESSING, THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT HAS INFORMED US THAT THESE PRELIMINARY LICENSES COVER ONLY GENERAL BLUEPRINTS AND THAT THE INFORMATION BEING TRANSFERRED IS OPENLY AVAILABLE ON THE WORLD MARKET; AS FOR THE ENRICHMENT LICENSE, WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED DOES NOT GO BEYOND WHAT HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN PUBLISHED.

SECOND, THIS ACTION IS NOT AN IRREVERSIBLE STEP IN CONNECTION WITH FURTHER DISCUSSIONS OF THE FRG AGREEMENT WITH BRAZIL. IN FACT, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE ISSUANCE OF THESE LICENSES MAY FACILITATE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON THIS CRITICAL ISSUE -- JUST AS WE HOPE PRESIDENT CARTER'S DECISIONS YESTERDAY WILL IMPROVE THE CLIMATE FOR CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS.

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THIRD, WE ARE PLEASED TO NOTE THE SEPARATE GERMAN STATEMENT ON NUCLEAR POLICY INDICATING A WILLINGNESS TO JOIN IN THE INTERNATIONAL FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION PROGRAM.

Q. DOES THAT MEAN YOU WITHDREW YOUR OBJECTION TO THE ISSUANCE OF THESE LICENSES?

A. NO, BUT UNDER THE NEW CIRCUMSTANCES, WE LOOK FORWARD TO FURTHER DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN AND AMONG THE PARTIES ON ALL ASPECTS OF NUCLEAR POWER AND NON-PROLIFERATION. END TEXT.

2. RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS DIRECTED TO POSTS SHOULD BE STRICTLY LIMITED TO FOREGOING.

3. FYI. IT IS IMPORTANT TO BEAR IN MIND THAT THE LICENSES IN QUESTION DO NOT COVER MORE SENSITIVE TRANSFERS INVOLVING HARD ENGINEERING DATA, COMPONENTS AND CONSTRUCTION COVERED BY SUBSEQUENT LICENSES BEGINNING IN 1978/9. GERMANS FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT WE WILL

PURSUE OUR EFFORTS WHICH CAN EFFECT FUTURE DECISIONS ON
THESE CRUCIAL STEPS. END FYI.
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